

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW NABARD BRANCHES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of Branch Offices of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in the country at present and their location, State-wise;
- (b) whether some State Governments including Gujarat have been requesting for opening of more such branch offices of NABARD in their respective State particularly in the backward and remote areas of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has 28 Regional Offices in various States, one sub-office at Port Blair (Andaman & Nicobar Islands) and 320 District Development Manager's (DDM) Offices at District Level in various States. The State-wise and location-wise details of these offices are furnished in Statement-I and II enclosed.
- (b) and (c) NABARD has reported that requests for opening of new DDM offices are received from various quarters including State Governments which are taken into account while deciding on the selection of districts for opening of these offices every year. The policy for opening of such offices in the districts is based upon the State of development of the district, number of offices already opened in the State and connectivity and communication facilities in the district, etc. Requests from State Governments for opening of new DDM offices are given priority while selecting districts for opening of new offices.